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# **Murphys Point Provincial Park**





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# Welcome to our park

Welcome to Murphys Point Provincial Park.

Whether this is your first trip to the park or a return visit, we hope your stay is enjoyable.

Please let us know what you think about Murphys Point — bouquets as well as criticisms help us work toward a more efficient operation which will allow your visit to be more enjoyable.

Space is provided on the back of your

camping permit for comments. Feel free

to talk to any of the staff.

The park has much to offer. Enjoy its sandy beaches, quiet camping and 1320 hectares of natural beauty Have a pleasant stay

- The Staff of Murphys Point

For more information: Murphys Point Provincial Park RR 5, Perth, Ontario K7H 3C7 (613) 267-5060



Many historic artifacts can still be found in the park. Please leave them as you

# Finding a piece of history

the remains of an old building can talk? They can describe the life of an early lumberman, the struggles of a pioneer farmer or the work of a Silver Queen

They are historical artifacts and many can still be found throughout the park. It is illegal to pick up and remove these artifacts. Not only are they park

story. Many sites in the park are waiting be excavated by trained archaeologists. Where and with what an artifact is found describes details of people's lives better than the artifact

If you find a piece of history, please leave it where you find it. Its story will be richer for it

# What you had to say...

An enjoyable time. Only complaint is that the dog rule is not abided by the camper. Prohibit bringing in pets!!

Thanks for an enjoyable holiday! It would be nice if a little gravel could be dumped on sites around picnic tables. The sand tends to blow around. Gravel would be much cleaner.

From: Ottawa

We'd like to see the site user fees reflect the difference in the sites, tenting vs. trailer sites, vs. drive-thru sites. This could vary from park to park depending on the kinds of sites, without passing lots of regulations or include 2 tables per site. Washrooms and comfort stations clean and neat. Park staff excellent and cheery, helpful.

First time and certainly not the last time. Great service and friendly faces. Extremely clean and had a fun visitor (raccoon). See you again.

From: Orleans

Visit was thoroughly enjoyed. Park is very clean and well managed.

From: New York State

This part of the province is beautiful and historically very interesting. We could enjoy all this to the max because we knew we were staying at a clean and wonderfully staffed park. Thank you all for making our stay so nice.

From: Cambridge

We thoroughly enjoyed our stay at Murphys Point. We are leaving with hundreds of insect bites and blistered,

sunburned skin. See you next year!
Think it would be better to have a separated loop or area for reserved

We enjoyed the park. A beautiful place to spend vacation. The facilities are extremely well kept. We would like to return again sometime. Only suggestion is to group large numbers off to themselves — the party people ruined the quiet of the woods. Great

From: Ohio, USA

Your comments help us see things from the campers' point of view. New projects and facilities are often a result of your expressed needs. We of your expressed needs, We appreciate them all — good or bad.

Keep those comments coming!

# Are you entitled to a sales tax refund?

If you are a visitor to Ontario and have purchased merchandise here and paid the Ontario Provincial Sales Tax, you are entitled to a full tax refund.

In order to qualify for this refund. goods bought must be removed from the province within 30 days of the purchase date and claims must be submitted within three years of the

payment of tax. The total of the refund claimed must be \$7.00 or more

more information and an application to make your claim, ask at the park gate or park administration office for the brochure "Provincial Sales Tax Refund for Visitors to



## Fishing at Murphys Point BIG RIDEAU LAKE LOONLAKE ROUNDLAKE MAXIMUM DEPTH - 92 METRES MAXIMUM DEPTH MAXIMIM DEPTH HOG BAY MAIN LAKE 19 METRES 37 METRES Deep cold water LAKE between Murphys TROUT Point and Portland Near submerged Weeds and pike go Weeds and pike go NORTHERN Weeds and Pike go Rocky Islands or hand in hand hand in hand. shoals Rocky shoals at WALLEYE moderate depths SMALL. Rocky points and Rocky points and MOUTH shorelines BASS Near submerged Near submerged LARGE Near submerged MOUTH trees and stumps trees and stumps trees and stumps weed beds BASS weed heds weed beds Weed beds PAN FISH Weed beds Weed beds Weed beds SPLAKE Deep trolling

# Sounds from The

Bay





All that glitters is not gold! But it did earn a living for miners at the Silver Queen Mine during the early 1900's.

The Lally Homestead was established by James and Anne Lally in the early 1880's.

Discover the park's natural beauty and fascinating history. Join a summer interpretation program.



A quiet shoreline offers peace and solitude.

A loon glides silently through a thin vapour of mist rising from the water. The dip and draw of the paddles of early morning canocists disturb a great blue heron. It lets out a squawk as it rises out of its shallow shoreline fishing spot. The sounds from Hogg Bay today are tranquil and natural.

But in the years that have passed since the first land surveyor marked the county's boundaries, distinctively different sounds have come from the bay.

The grinding of the wheels and belts of the Burgess Sawmill was the first sound to break the silence of the virgin hardwood forests. Situated at the head

of the bay, the sawmill provided building lumber to area settlers as early as 1812.

For many settlers, land in the area was inacessible until the finishing touches were put on the Rideau Canal in 1832. The Rideau Waterway provided a major route into Upper Canada and brought Irish immigrants like John Murphy, who in 1856, acquired title to the land that is today Hogg Bay beach. Here he built a log home and barn, and cleared woods for fields and pastures. The park is named after the point of land that is his namesake.

Pioneers settling on land in the area had to contend with a rough and rocky land that was, in fact, part of the Canadian Shield. But where it may have proved unfruitful for farming, the minerals it held offered another source of income.

Pockets and veins of spatite, mica, and feldspar created a number of small scale mining operations. One of these, the Silver Queen Mine, operated from 1903 to 1920. It offered seasonal employment to farmers as well as a market for their products.

In the early years of the 19th century, the sound of barges being loaded with ore from the Silver Queen Mine drifted over the waters of Hogg Bay. The economic viability of the mine depended on the Rideau Waterway as a means of cheaply transporting the minerals to market.

The Burgess Sawmill is silent now. It has been many years since the pioneer homesteads were worked and the mineral loading docks are quiet, but Murphys Point Provincial Park preserves their memory and the background of forest and lakes from which their sounds echoed.

Join us this summer in exploring these memories. A weekly schedule of our summer interpretation program of conducted walks, evening programs, children's programs and special events is posted throughout the park.

# Mining for words

In the early 1900's many farmers in the area looked to the Silver Queen Mine to supplement their income. If you had the opportunity to talk with one of these miner-farmers today, chances are you may have to interrupt the conversation now and then to have him explain the words he might use. See if you can match each word with its correct definition.

- I. BOOM-DERRICK
- 2. WINZESS
- 3. SINGLE-HAND DRILLING
- 4. COBBING

- a) To come in after a set explosion and dig
- out loose rocks with picks and shovels.
  b) The separation of mica from the waste rock around it using hand picks, hammers and knives.
  c) A steeply inclined passageway
- A steeply inclined passageway connecting a mine working place with a lower one.
- d) A type of drilling in which one person holds a drill while striking it with a hammer.

# 5. MUCKING

- 6. DOUBLE-HAND DRILLING
- 7. MOUNTAIN-LEATHER
- 8. ADIT
- 9. THUMB-TRIMMING
- 10. STOPE
- 11. BLACK POWDER
- 12. HORSE-WHIM

- e) A type of drilling in which two men alternately strike with hammers onto a drill while it is turned by a third man.
- f) A type of hoist in which a cable runs along a boom and down a mast to take up a spool powered by a steam engine or horse.
- g) One of the first explosives to be used in mining made up of a mixture of carbon, sulphur, and saltpeter.
- sulphur, and saltpeter.

  h) A step-like underground excavation.

  i) A type of hoist made up of a drum and driving beam to which a horse is
- j) A common name for hornblende asbestos, a mineral found in the Silver Queen Mine.
- k) A shaft driven horizontally into the side of a mine.
- Work done by women in factories in which mica sheets were broken into plates .5 cm thick.

Answers: 1.1), 2.c), 3.d), 4.b), 5.a), 6.e), 7.j), 8.k), 9.1), 10.b), 11.g), 12.j).



anducted walks to the Silver Queen Mine and McParlan House are held weekly

# Murphys **Point** Day Hikes



# TRAIL

# RETURN TRIP TIME

# Easy Walking

McParlan House Trail - 1.5 hours -Silver Queen Mine Trail - 1 to 1.5 hours -

# Medium Difficulty

\_\_\_\_\_ 30 minutes — Rocky Narrows -Sylvan Trail Loop — 1 - 1.5 hours —

# More Difficult

Point Trail Loop — 3 hours

Rideau Trail — 4.5 - 5 hours —

# DESCRIPTION

winds through old fields to the restored McParlan House and the Sawmill ruins. Access: follows an old lumber road from the Hogg Bay Campground

cuts through fields and travels along the old mining road to the Silver Queen Mine site and the restored Mine Bunkhouse.

Access: from Lally's Lane opposite the Lally Homestead.

travels through forest to the hike-in beach on the Rideau - facilities at the beach include picnic tables, privies, and a change house. Access: from the Boat Launch parking area.

passes through ridges and valleys, deer yards, with some scenic views of Nobles Bay — the trail may be damp in some spots, so wear appropriate footwear. Access: from the Day Use parking area or from Point Trail

winds in and out along the Rideau shore to the far tip of the park with Nobles Bay to the north and the Rideau to the south — a good place to pull up a piece of ground and have yourself a good old-fashioned picnic!

Access: from Rocky Narrows Trail at the Hike-In Beach or from Sylvan Trail a section of the Rideau Trail which extends from Kingston to Ottawa passes

through the park. This stretch is marked by orange triangular markers, and is rugged and wet in areas

# Have canoe will travel!...

canoe? The Hogg Bay Canoe Hike might be just the activity you're looking for (A note to novice paddlers motorized craft are allowed on Hogg Bay, so you don't have to worry about

The hike can take as little a 1 1/2 hours, but if you have time for a longer outing, take a picnic lunch and do some exploring at one of the stops

Six stops are identified along the route, but keep your eyes and ears open and you'll discover a lot more things going on. The hike as outlined below provides only a hint of the stories associated with each stop. Come out to the park interpretive events for lots information.

STOP 1: This turn-of-the-century mine pit is representative of many smallmine pit is representative of many small-scale mining ventures in Burgess Township. Minerals that were mined include mica, used for electrical insulators, apatite, used in fertilizer, and feldspar, used in the ceramics industry. This pit was probably hand dug. This is likely because of the pit's small dimensions, as well as a lack of steam drill holes. The Silver Queen Mine trail will lead you to a much larger

STOP 2: Paddle quietly and you may catch a glimpse of beaver at their feed pile (dawn or dusk is best). These large rodents prefer birch and aspen for their food and construction material, but will cut down other trees if they can't find preferred varieties. Beaver have powerful jaws and teeth that grow continually. When feeding, they chomp away on thumb-sized branches, as if away on thumo-sized branches, as if they were pretzels...this keeps their teeth worn down. If you have time to paddle by the Amphitheatre check along the shore for another good sign of

STOP 3: Welcome to McParlan
House! Historical records suggest that
the original house may be over 170 years old. The other building found here is a milk house. McParlan House was the living quarters of the foreman who worked at the adjacent mill.

STOP 4: These weather-worn ruins tell of a mill with a colourful history. The original sawmill was built by the township surveyor, Reuben Sherwood, around 1810. In 1846, it was owned by Charles Jones of Jones Falls. Samuel Chaffey, son of the Chaffey of Chaffey's Locks owned the mill in 1851. A great fire which swept from Westport to Bells Corners may have contributed in part to

STOP 5: Black Creek was not only important as a source of power for the old mill. It's 24 km course still provides lots of rich habitat for wildlife. Otter, muskrat and beaver are a few of the aquatic mammals that can be found here, while Wood Ducks and Great Blue Herons are only two of the many birds that are common along the river course. Look for bright red Cardinal Flowers and Black-winged Damselflies near the old bridge.



Try the Hogg Bay canoe hike.

STOP 6: The Silver Queen Mine operated from 1903 to 1943. Most of the minerals were shipped along the Rideau Canal from this loading ramp via barge and steamboat. Evidence of the minerals can be found along the

For more exercise try our 2-3 hour Canoe Route (See Park Map pag. 6 &

Please note: waves may be higher in the

# First Aid & Emergencies

First Aid kits for the treatment of minor cuts and scrapes are located in park offices and park vehicles. Trained staff can provide basic First Aid assistance upon request. For serious accidents they will provide assistance and put you in touch with professional care.

In addition to the park emergency phone (an internal communication system), there are standard pay-phones near the Gatehouse and next to the store just west of the park entrance. Wardens are on duty throughout the night. Messages may be left for them on the bulletin board at the Gatehouse.

# **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

AMBULANCE		267-7777
HOSPITAL (15 MIN.	TO PERTH)	267-1500
	ENTRE 1-80	
ONTARIO PROVINCI	AL POLICE	267-2626

# For your Information

Choosing your Campsite:

When you arrive: In the gatehouse a campground map indicates vacant campsites.
After choosing your site and receiving your campsite permit, you're all ready to start setting up. If your campsite isn't suitable you may register into another vacant site at the gatehouse. Please — do not et up or another site before informing the gatehouse.



All reservations must be guaranteed in advance by

isa/ Mastercard, cheque visa/Mastercard, cheque, cash or money order. For a full refund, cancellations must be received by 12:00 noon on your arrival date.

Late cancellations and no shows will be billed for the

shows will be billed for the reservation fee plus one night's camping fee. Unless cancelled, your campsite will be held only until 8:00 a.m. on the morning following your planned arrival date.

For organized groups, Murphys Point Group Campground on Round Lake can accommodate up to 200 people at three sites.

Boat-in Campsites:

Boat-in campsites are operated on a first-come,

first-served basis Campers

using these sites must self

register using envelopes provided at the site. (Please have exact fee as change is not provided.)

Drinking Water,

Washrooms, Showers

and Laundry
Taps for drinking water

are located throughout the campgrounds. You'll find one within easy walking distance of your campsite.

distance of your campsie. In addition to numerous privies, there are two comfort stations in the park. The first station is located just off Rideau Road, approximately. 5 km past the Gatehouse. The second is located in Fallows Campground, along Meadow Drive. These facilities have hot water, showers flush water, showers flush.

water, showers, flush toilets, laundry facilties and electrical outlets.

Group Camping:



Garbage Disposal and Trailer Wastes

Please put each day's garbage into the bags provided at the gatehouse. Then deposit the bags in the collection box nearest your campsite



Trailer sewage may be dumped at the sanitation station on the way out of the park, just past the Catehouse. To ensure that trailer wastes do not spoil sites for other campers, we ask that you dump the contents of your sink at any vault toilet, comfort station or at the trailer sanitary station.

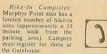


Campfires and Firewood

Every campsite has a fireplace, and wood can be purchased from a private concession in the park. Please do not cut trees or use dead limbs — they are habitat for wildlife. The woodyard is located



Check at the Gatehouse or Administration Building for fall woodyard hours.





Messages: Campers messages can be posted on the bulletin board at the Gatehouse. Park staff will deliver urgent telephone messages your campsite.





Three major centres,
Perth (22 km), Smiths
Falls (32 km) and
Westport (30 km), provide
most goods and services. As well, a small store just west of the park entrance stocks basic supplies as well as rental canoes. Finally, Rideau Ferry offers marina facilities, a restaurant and snack bars and a general store where lishing licences can be obtained. Fishing licences can also be obtained at Adams Lake and in the town of Perth, Smiths Falls and Westport.

Ask park staff for more information on the property of the propert

information on supplies or check the local services book available at the





Use the buddy system and never swim alone. When playing with frisbees, etc., respect the rights of other beach users and move away from the crowded areas. Please do not pollute the water with soaps and should be supported to the play the state of the s swimming area

For more information on any of the above, please talk with our park staff or stop by our gatehouse or administration office.

# Ouill uiz.



Try this true or false quill quiz to test your knowledge of porcupines.

Quills contain poison.

Without these antibiotic properties quills would be a porcupines own worst enemy. the skin without causing infection. Porcupines sometimes fall on their own quills. Answer, False: Quills contain mild antibious properties and can work their way through

# Minerals from the mine

One of the most interesting walking trails in Murphys Point Provincial Park leads to the old shafts of the Silver Queen Mine. It operated from 1903 to 1920 and its lifeblood lay in its rich supply of mica, apatite and feldspar. Today these minerals are of little commercial value but their use in the early years of the 1900's opens a window

to an earlier way of Canadian life. No other material discovered at that time had the particular qualities of mica. It could be split as thin as 100 thousandth of an inch yet still remain tough and elastic. It could withstand high temperatures and most important it was a poor conductor of heat and electricity

Initially used in chimneys of gas lamps, street lamps, lamps of trolley cars, windows in stoves, and peepholes of furnaces, mica came into its own when the electrical industry began to flourish in 1890.

It was used as an insulator in transformers, electrical motors, and other electrical appliances such as

For windows and lamp chimneys, large sheets of mica were a priority.
With the electrical demand for mica. smaller sheets 2.5 cm x 2.5 cm could be used. These smaller grades of mica were built into large sheets using shellac as a cement. These were then put into steam presses to bake after which they were sawn into segments

Mica unsalvagable for sheet mica was finely ground and used in paint, wallpaper, and as a roofing material for which it was qualified over all other types of roofing as being 'perfectly fireproof.'

A mineral found in association with mica in the Silver Queen Mine was apatite. It was in demand as far back as 1850 when it was discovered that it could be broken down with sulphuric acid to produce phosphate, a valuable plant fertilizer. It was claimed that 300 pounds of phosphate fertilizer applied to an acre of land had the same effect as 25 wagon loads of well-rotted barnyard manure. Apatite from the Silver Queen Mine was shipped to the International Agricultural Corporation in Buffalo,

New York and the Capelton Chemical Fertilizer Company in Buckingham Junction, Quebec. While larger and cheaper resources of phosphate could be found in Florida and Tennessee, the Silver Queen Mine's operation maintained its financial feasibility as a result of its cheap transportation costs. Located close to the Rideau Waterway, most of the ore was carried out in the winter by sled to Hogg Bay where it was transported by boat to market.

Between 1912 and 1914 a third mineral, feldspar, was taken from an open pit not far from the main mine shaft. Feldspar was shipped to the Eureka Flint and Spar Company at Trenton, New Jersey, where it was used

The Silver Queen Mine closed down in 1920. In its 17 year life span it provided work that supplemented many a farm income. Its operation stimulated a youthful local economy allowing many people to settle permanently in



The Silver Queen Mine operated for

# Park Rules and Regulations

PROTECTING YOU & YOUR PARK
We want your stay at Murphys Point to be as
afe and enjoyable us possible. Please follow this
basic rule when visiting Ontario Provincial Parks:
have respect and consideration for your fellow
visitors and the park environment.

Loud Noise - Disturbing Other Persons
Be considerate. Please keep the volume of your masse and your voices, to a reasonable level. Interfering with anyone slee's enjoyment of a park, day or night, is not only inconsiderate—it is

Alcoholic Beverages
Drinking, or the possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage is permitted only on a registered campsite

Park Resources

Park Resources
They're yours to enjoy, so help us protect them.
Our parks are full of interesting and precious
vegetation, wildlife, natural earth features and
archaeological/historical sites. Remember, it is
against the law to remove or destroy anything in a
Proviocal Park.

Camping and Vehicle Permits
Please remember that you must have a valid
permit to camp or to use your vehicle in a
Provincial Park.

Unilcenced Motor Vehicles, All Terrain Vehicles ATV's, off-road motorcycles or any other unilcenced vehicles may be operated only in an area designated for this purpose by the

Bicycles
May be operated on roads only Parking Vehicles may be parked only in areas provided

Vehicles may be paired only an action that purpose. Check Out Time Check out Time is 2 p.m. on the day of your departure. You must reacte you raite by that time. Length of \$180 Except with the permission of the Superintendent, the maximum length of stay in a Provincial Park is 23 days in a year.

Pets All pets must be kept under control and on a leash, two metres or less in length, and are not allowed in swimming areas or on any beach. Campfires Fires are permitted in fireplaces only. PLEASE Fires are permitted in fireplaces only. PLEASE

Hours of Closing

Only registered campers may remain in a Provincial Park during the posted hours of closing — 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Number of People per Site

A maximum of six persons or one family unit is permitted on each campsite

Refuse
Please have regard for the condition of your campaite. Deposit all your garbage and litter in the containers provided and leave your campaile in a clean and natural state.
Fireworks

Possession or use of fireworks in any Provincial Park is prohibited at all times. Firearms

Firearms are not permitted in Provincial Parks,

except by regulation.

Boating, Waterskiing
Act safely and in accordance with the regulations when boating or waterskiing. The use of motor boats is restricted on Hogg Bay and

Loon Lake. Leaving Vehicles or Boats Unattended

Leaving Vehicles or Boats Unattended You may not leave your vehicle or boat unattended in a Provincial Park, except in an area designated for that purpose or by permission of the Park Superintendent. Please note that this is assummary only and one Please note that this is assummary only and one of the Park Superintendent of the Park Superintendent of the Park Superintendent Superintendent Superintendent Superintendent Superintendent Superintendent Park Superintendent Superintendent Park Superintendent Superintendent Park Superintendent Superintendent Superintendent Superintendent Park Superintendent John Superintendent Park Superintendent Park Superintendent Park Superintendent Park Superintendent Supe

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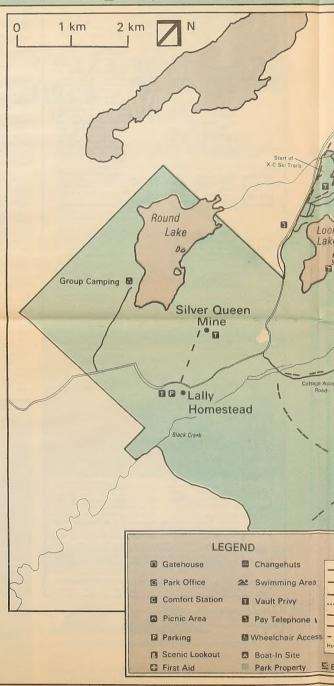
Rest and relaxation in the sun.



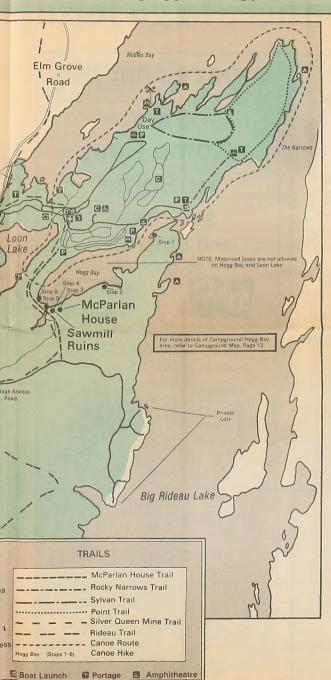
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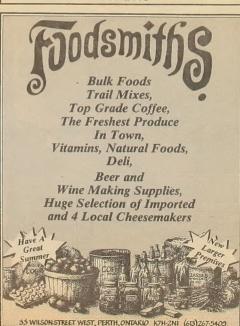
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# There's more for kids at Murphys Point

For kids only Do you want to make your visit to Murphys Point Provincial Park one to remember? Then join one of our children's programs

We'll show you what it was like to

... A Pioneer

A Mica Miner We'll let you in on the secrets of the ...What frog walks on walls

These programs last from one and one-half to two hours and are held in a number of different locations in the

Check the weekly schedule of interpretive events for the next children's program. Wear good walking shoes and be prepared to have some fun.



You don't know Murphys Point until vou know these

amazing facts

\* The rocks in Murphys Point Provincial Park are some of the oldest rocks on earth. A mosquito has 47 teeth. Murphys Point is home to Canada's

largest snake - the Black Rat snake (there are no poisonous snakes in Murphys Point Provincial Park).

\* There are over 35 different kinds of

trees in the park.

\* Young turkey vultures protect themselves at their nest site by vomitting partially digested food. The smell of this food, which was probably rotten when it was eaten, is so bad, it drives off would-be predators.

The wood frog (one of nine kinds of frogs that can be found in the park), can freeze solid in the winter and come back to life in the spring.

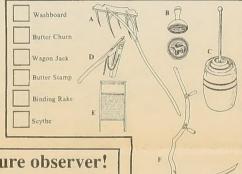


# Pioneer tools of the trade

Imagine yourself living on the Lally Homestead in the 1880's with eight other brothers and sisters. Your parents are James and Anne Lally. Although the land the farm is on is rough and rocky, your father is a successful farmer raising cattle and horses, sheep and pigs. Both he and your mother need the help of all the children to keep the farm successful. The tools and machinery you use are quite different than those we

Rate yourself as an early pioneer. Match the pioneer tools with the right name and description.

Note: The Lally Homestead is located 2 km west of the main park entrance on County Road 21



Be a good nature observer! See how many differences you can find between this scene and its pond

Lost in the woods?
Take-a-hike
checklist
Jacket
Raisins nuts dried fruit or other high energy food

F. Seythe E. Washboard

Butter Churn

B. Butter Stamp

4. Binding Rake VIZMERS:

Orange garbage bag: Wear it like a poncho when it rains or use it to make a shelter. The bright colour is easy to see if people are looking for

Lid from a mason jar or piece of aluminum foil: Use these to attract

Strips of brightly coloured plastic: Tie these on branches in the area around you. They will catch the eye of the people looking for you.

REMEMBER: TELL YOUR PARENTS WHERE YOU ARE GOING AND HOW LONG YOU WILL BE GONE.

# Murphys Point Provincial Park Campground Map

